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March 24, 2020

BY EMAIL

The Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

REQUEST FILING UNDER SEAL

**Re: United States v. Tareck Zaidan El Aissami Maddah, et al.,
S5 19 Cr. 144 (AKH)**

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

The Government respectfully requests that the S5 19 Cr. 144 (AKH) Superseding Indictment (the “Superseding Indictment”) and associated arrest warrants be unsealed effective March 26, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

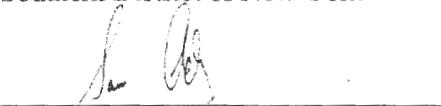
By way of background, on March 13, 2020, a grand jury in this District returned the Superseding Indictment, which charges defendants Tareck Zaidan El Aissami Maddah and Joselit Ramírez Camacho with (i) conspiring to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (“IEEPA”), the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (“Kingpin Act”), and related regulations promulgated by the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”); (ii) conspiring to commit money laundering; and (iii) substantive violations of the Kingpin Act. Defendant Samark Jose Lopez Bello—who was previously charged in the S4 19 Cr. 144 (AKH) Indictment and remains at large—was also charged in the Superseding Indictment with (i) conspiring to violate IEEPA, the Kingpin Act, and related regulations promulgated by OFAC; and (ii) substantive violations of the Kingpin Act. The Government anticipates that, on the morning of Thursday, March 26, 2020, the Government will announce the above-referenced charges and associated U.S. Department of State rewards for information leading to the capture and/or prosecution of certain of the defendants.

Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the Superseding Indictment and all associated arrest warrants be ordered unsealed effective March 26, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. The Government further requests that this letter remain sealed until that time

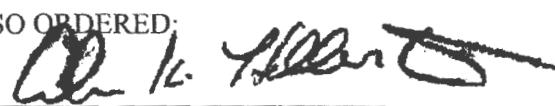
Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED:



Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein, USDJ